

## **Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex Lottery Alligator Hunt Program**

To apply for an alligator hunting permit, applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age and possess the skill, ability, and equipment necessary to hunt alligators safely and efficiently in marsh habitat.

All qualified applications are entered in the public lottery drawing. Applicants are chosen to fill each of the available hunt slots for each of the three hunted refuges within the Complex: Cameron Prairie, Lacassine and Sabine. Hunt area assignments within each refuge are determined through a random drawing prior to the hunt season. The number of alligator tags available to hunters on each refuge varies from refuge to refuge and is recommended by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service each year. Once the tag quota is recommended by the state, the refuge staff then allocates tags to hunters within the quota recommended.

Alligator hunters must abide by all applicable State licensing and alligator hunting regulations, all SW Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex general hunting regulations, and all special conditions associated with the Refuge Complex lottery alligator hunt program.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife will assess a fee for each alligator taken consistent with state regulations, if the alligator is sold.

For future lottery alligator hunting application periods, contact the SW Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex Headquarters Office at 337/598 2216.